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Representative Wilson,

I am writing you to request you continue working on veterinary licensing changes in the state of Alaska. As of today 34 states now recognize the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE). My wife, Molly Steinberg Musman, is a Pave accredited veterinarian who is currently licensed in California, Washington and New York. I am in the US Coast Guard and currently stationed in Alaska and she is unable to work here. For the past two years she has had to travel to Washington or California to work in her chosen profession, and this has been at considerable financial and personal hardship on both of us.

The PAVE licensing equivalency system was created by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), of which Alaska is a member. I would ask that if the State Veterinary Board truly opposes the AAVSB's system of equivalency, then Alaska stop sending people to the annual convention and examine its membership in the organization.

Since I initially wrote you a year and a half ago, 5 more states have accepted the PAVE Program. It is my sincere hope that Alaska can join that list and allow my wife and many other qualified veterinarians the opportunity to serve Alaska.

I am currently deployed onboard Coast Guard Cutter HICKORY to Alameda, California for extensive repairs and maintenance. My mobile phone is the best way to contact me (415)722-3824.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Musman